

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, insert the following headings and new paragraph:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

A device having a distributor body slows down and disintegrates a plug of liquid plunging forward in a duct.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Replace the heading at page 2, line 8, as follows:

~~--Objects and Features of the Invention~~ BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25, as follows:

~~--According to the invention, the above-mentioned objects are attained by means of the device that is defined in the independent claim 1. Preferred embodiments of the device according to the invention are furthermore defined in the dependent claims 2-10.--~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In an additional aspect, the invention also relates to a method of slowing down and disintegrating a forward plunging plug of liquid. ~~The features of this method are evident from claim 11.--~~

Delete the heading on page 2, line 35, as follows:

~~--Summary of the General Idea According to the Invention--.~~

Replace the heading at page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten heading:

~~--Brief Description of the Appended Drawings~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In fig. 1, 1 generally designates a long narrow container that at one end thereof - in this case the upper end - has an inlet 2 for receiving a plug of water, and at the opposite end thereof has a sturdy fastening ear 3, by means of which the container can be held in place in a mounted state. In the example, the container 1 is composed of a cylindrical tube 4, an end wall or bottom 5 distanced from the inlet 2, as well as a closing wall 6, which extends between the tube 4 and the inlet 2. In practice, the container is suitably - though not necessarily - mounted in the vertical state shown, meaning that the end wall 5 forms a bottom. The container has a considerably larger volume than the plug of water of at most approx. 20 l that is to be received in the same. In a concrete embodiment example, hence the tube 4 has a length of approx. [[1,5]] 1.5 m and a diameter of approx. [[0,3]] 0.3 m, i.e., a volume of approx. [[0,1]] 0.1 cubic metre.--